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Work Plan Component/Program: Water Quality Standards Workyears:	EPA Contact (s): Denise Hakowski	State Contact (s): Tom Barron	PRC: 202B06
Program Description: Pennsylvania's Water Quality Standards Program – Stream Redesignation Evaluation			

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Work Plan Component/Program: Water Quality Standards Workyears:	EPA Contact (s): Denise Hakowski	State Contact (s): Michael “Josh” Lookenbill	PRC: 202B06
Program Description: Pennsylvania's Water Quality Standards Program – PWS Use Determinations			
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Work Plan Component/Program: NPDES Permitting	EPA Contact (s): Francisco Cruz	State Contact (s): Tom Barron	PRC: 202B80
Workyears:			

Program Description: Cooling Water Intake Rules & Performance Standards Evaluations

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Control discharges to protect public health, meet technology based standards, and meet and improve water quality.	<p>WQ-12a: Percent of non-tribal facilities covered by NPDES permits that are considered current.</p> <p>WQ-19a: Number, and national percent, of high priority state NPDES permits that are issued as scheduled.</p>	<p>OUTPUT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviews of information submitted by existing facilities, demonstrations, and other forms of documentation implemented under Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act to reduce aquatic life impacts from cooling water intake structures <p>ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act Phase II rule was suspended by the EPA in May 2007 in response to the <i>Riverkeeper II</i> decision, state agencies are proceeding with implementation of 316(b) on a case-by-case basis using Best Professional Judgment (BPJ). There were 21 facilities categorized as existing Phase II facilities within Pennsylvania (see table below) that began collecting information about their intake structure after the Phase II rule was promulgated in 2004. Despite the suspension of the rule, these facilities are required to demonstrate that they have the Best Technology Available (BTA) for minimizing impingement mortality and entrainment of fishes and other aquatic life or propose technologies to reduce impingement and entrainment. The facilities were required to submit an impingement mortality and entrainment characterization study and technology evaluations to determine the BTA. These facilities were requested to submit this information between July 2008 and January 2009. Review is on-going and is prioritized on the basis of permit renewal dates. Based on recent press releases, and other notifications, several of these facilities are scheduled to retire units between 2012 and 2015. This review, however, is no longer limited just to the original Phase II facilities. Section 316(b) reviews are on-going and prioritized on the basis of permit renewal date or relative impact, and other relevant factors. EPA finalized the Existing Facilities Rule on May 19, 2014, published in the Federal Register on August 15, 2014. Staff has begun implementing and will continue to implement the new regulation by incorporating the requirements into draft NPDES permits as these permits come up for renewal. 	

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Program Description:
Pennsylvania's Water Quality Standards Program –Increase Monitoring in Areas of Gas Drilling and Related Wastewater Treatment

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Program Description:
Pennsylvania's Water Quality Standards Program – Macroinvertebrate Sample Processing and Taxonomic Identification for Special Biological Monitoring Projects

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Program Description: Pennsylvania’s Water Quality Standards Program – Monitoring in response to diseased YOY (Young of Year) and intersex smallmouth bass			
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Program Description:
Pennsylvania's Water Quality Standards Program – Toxicity testing for impacts of chloride and sulfate on sensitive species, and representative of the ionic matrices of Pennsylvania waters.

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